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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

Enclosed is an order form and payment for a set of your books.

I read a library copy of WHITEWASH some time ago. I have a copy of CASE OPEN which I have read three times, and NEVER AGAIN which I just finished reading for the second time. I have also read the works of Sylvia Meagher, Mark Lane, John Newman, and Fletcher Prouty.

My interest in this most ugly episode in our history stems from the Bay of Pigs. I was present at that debacle while serving aboard the USS San Marcos, an amphibious assault ship. The San Marcos was used to deliver the brigade's pre-loaded landing craft, and was for all intents and purposes under charter to the CIA.

I have this sense of wonderment that I was caught up in the prelude to one of the most momentous events in U.S. history, if only in the most peripheral way. It has occurred to me that I may have actually been in the same room with people who later went on to be players in the events leading up to Dallas and its aftermath.

Whenever I read anything about the assassination in the mainstream press, I shake my head in disbelief that writers and editors could be so uninformed on a subject about which so much has been written. They are not just ignorant, in some cases they are downright flippant.

There was a time when I just brushed their ridicule aside, but no more. Now whenever I see it I counter with a letter to the editor or one directly to the author. Thanks to your inspiration I consider this to be a fundamental act of good citizenship.

Sincerely,

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